

NEW HOUSING

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Hunt Building Company Ltd., El Paso, Texas, and Kirtland Housing, LLC.

Under the proposed 50-year agreement, Hunt will design, build or renovate, and own and operate 1,079 housing units on approximately 370 acres during the next 50 years. The 1,079 privatized units will consist of the 211 existing units in Pershing Park and the construction of 868 new units in the Loop, East Capehart and Pershing Park.

Final details are being negotiated with a goal of contract closing at the end of April and transfer of the units on May 1 to the development company. As part of the construction and demolition phasing, all the new units will be complete within 3.5 years. During this six-year transition period, however, the development company will continue to lease the units in West Capehart for three years and Zia Park for six years. For the transition stage and up to 10 years beyond, an additional 224 existing units on 60 acres will be available for rent in Maxwell.

The Air Force retains ownership of the land. The development company will lease the land and own the homes, the streets and the utilities and other improvements. To ensure success of the project and responsiveness to the military tenants, the Hunt Building Company project manager will live in the community.

The \$173.7 million (including operating costs for the transition period) housing privatization will demolish two aging military housing neighborhoods, Loop and East Capehart. There will be seven new neighborhoods, each with their own distinctive architectural theme. During the transitional stage of this project, the units in West Capehart will be demolished and the land returned to the Air Force in the next three years. Zia Park will be demolished within a six-year time period and the land will be returned to the Air Force.



The new communities will receive new and enhanced amenities. The first new houses should be ready for occupancy by summer 2004.

Amenities highlights

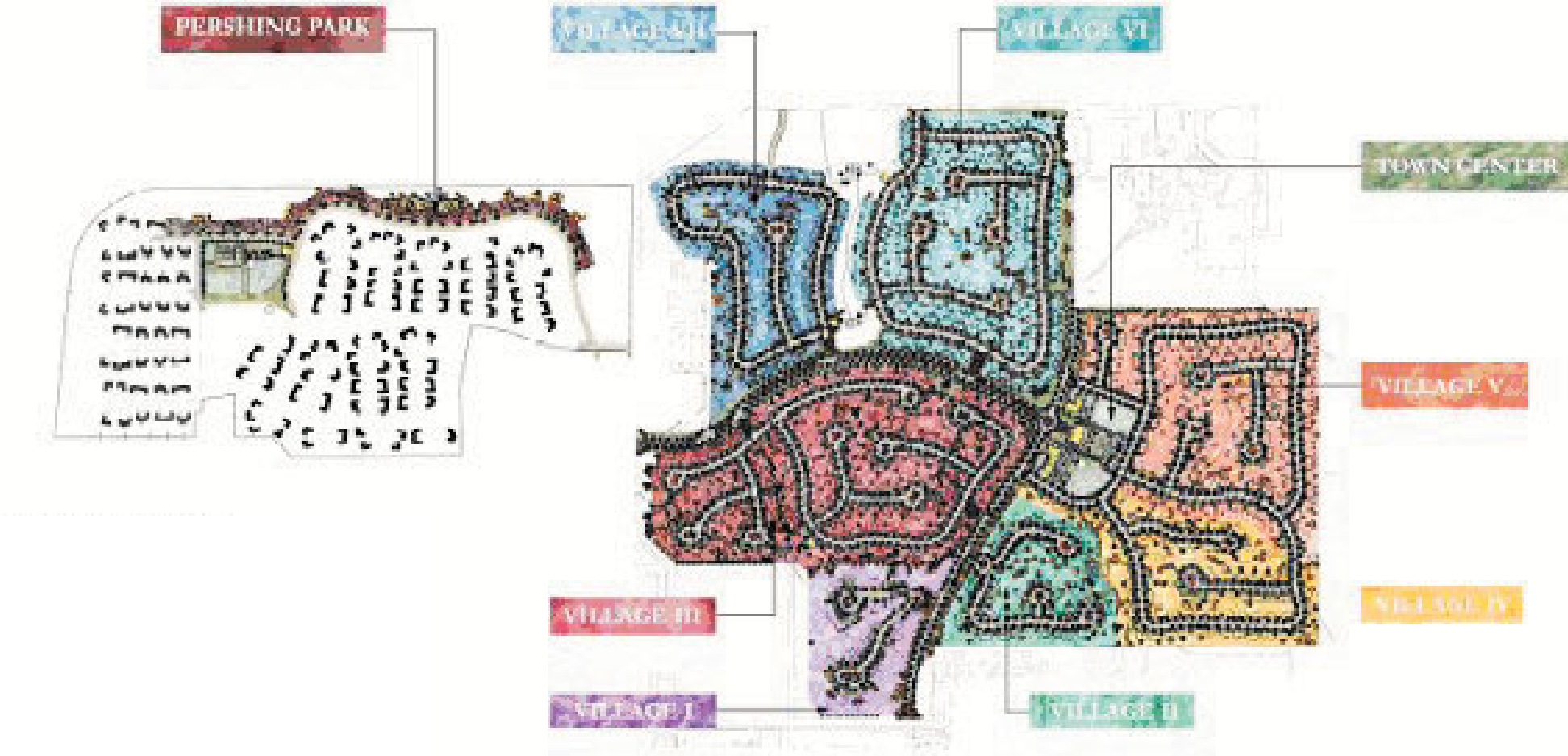
- ★ Redesign of the community to create unique neighborhoods with pedestrian friendly clustered housing that promotes a sense of neighborhood.
- ★ Neighborhoods designed with neo-traditional concepts.
- ★ 6 foot wide bike and jogging path throughout the project linking neighborhoods and parks.
- ★ Creation of a village center with

- community center, pool and recreation areas.
 - ★ Six neighborhood parks.
 - ★ Three neighborhood club houses.
 - ★ 21 tot lots for children 2-5 years.
 - ★ 19 playgrounds for children 6-12 years.
 - ★ Six basketball courts, full and half size, lighted; three soccer fields, two sand volleyball courts and two baseball/softball backstops.
 - ★ Variety of building styles and designs to enhance attractiveness
 - ★ Addition of substantial landscaping throughout the community.
- The plan includes more than 800 new

- trees and more than 5,500 new shrubs and ornamental plantings
- ★ Covered school bus stops

Home features

- ★ 868 new homes
- ★ 18 floor plans in 65 elevations
- ★ Homes range from two bedrooms, 1,180 square feet; four bedrooms, 2,935 square feet.
- ★ Ceiling fans with light fixtures.
- ★ Air conditioning.
- ★ Vaulted ceilings in many homes.
- ★ Double sinks in bathrooms.



PROUD TO SERVE:

TEAM KIRTLAND Jan., Feb. reenlistments

BY COL. KATHLEEN D. CLOSE
377th Air Base Wing commander

On behalf of the Kirtland AFB leadership, I would like to thank the men and women of TEAM KIRTLAND for their continued support of our great country.

I would especially like to thank and congratulate the following Airmen who reenlisted last month and thank their families for their continued support.

January 342nd Training Squadron

Airman 1st Class Christopher Lee Weichman, Jan. 2

377th Medical Group
Staff Sgt. Anthony J. Hill, Jan. 30
Senior Airman Young II Lee, Jan. 31

377th Mission Support Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Steven A. Higgs, Jan. 9
Tech. Sgt. Larry A. Norman, Jan. 2
Staff Sgt. Richard Watson Jr., Jan. 13

377th Security Forces Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Bruce A. French, Jan. 3

418th Flight Test Squadron, Detachment 2
Staff Sgt. Brett A. Kozel, Jan. 23
Tech. Sgt. Todd M. Wells, Jan. 31

550th Special Operations Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Patrick I. Payne, Jan. 21
Staff Sgt. Michael J. Lederhos, Jan. 30

58th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Staff Sgt. Bryan G. Frazer, Jan. 21

58th Maintenance Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Terry W. Fleck, Jan. 24
Staff Sgt. Daniel R. Krieger, Jan. 24

58th Operations Support Squadron
Staff Sgt. William B. Hawk, Jan. 31
Staff Sgt. Brian V. Pindell, Jan. 21

Air Force Inspection Agency
Chief Master Sgt. John E. Kettinger Jr., Jan. 15

Air Force Operational Test And Evaluation Squadron
Staff Sgt. Catherine F. Washinski, Jan. 21

Air Force Research Laboratory
Tech. Sgt. Steven M. Tuss, Jan. 17
Master Sgt. David S. Vega, Jan. 3

February Reenlistments
377th Medical Group
Staff Sgt. Philip C. Delacruz, Feb. 5
Tech. Sgt. Roderick O. Johnson, Feb. 18

377th Security Forces Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Terry J. Meadows, Feb. 21

377th Services Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Wendy Herring, Feb. 19

418th Flight Test Squadron, Detachment 2
Tech. Sgt. Kenneth T. Krise, Feb. 18

550th Special Operations Squadron
Staff Sgt. Constance Maria Adams, Feb. 03

551 Special Operations Squadron
Staff Sgt. Keith A. Leitz, Feb. 13

58th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Brenda J. Bennett, Feb. 28
Tech. Sgt. Timothy E. Swords, Feb. 3

58th Maintenance Operations Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Francisco P. Mendez Jr., Feb. 10

58th Maintenance Squadron
Staff Sgt. Daniel W. Quimby, Feb. 21
Staff Sgt. Tracy L. Sharp, Feb. 14

58th Operations Support Squadron
Master Sgt. Steven D. Johnson, Feb. 10

58th Training Squadron
Tech. Sgt. William H. Clemons Jr., Feb. 14

Air Force Operational Test And Evaluation Squadron
Senior Master Sgt. Robert Wade Pleasanton, Feb. 28

Air Force Research Laboratory
Master Sgt. Billy J. Pike, Feb. 5

Community Assessment Survey begins in April

The Community Helping Agencies Team (CHAT) Working Group is sponsoring the 2003 Community Assessment Survey of service members and spouses.

The information collected from this survey will be used to assist the Family Support Center, Family Advocacy Program, Health and Wellness Center, Life Skills Centers, Family Member Programs, and Chapel to improve services designed to meet the needs of service members and their families.

Air Force service members and their spouses at Air Force bases worldwide will be randomly selected to participate in the study. A notification letter that includes a link to the Web-based survey will be sent out to the work e-mail address of each service member selected to participate. Participation is crucial to the success of the project; selected service members are strongly urged to take part.

“The 2003 Community Assessment Survey is a top priority,” stated Col. Kathleen Close, 377th Air Base Wing commander. “It is the best way for us to listen to service members and then provide services to help meet their needs and the needs of their family. It allows them to express their opinions anonymously so participants can respond openly and honestly to is-

sues that affect them every day.”

The surveys will be distributed in early April.

Survey responses can directly influence family services and related support activities at local bases and throughout the Air Force. In fact, results from previous Air Force Community Assessments have impacted the policies and programs that support families at every level of the Air Force, to include:

- ★ Improve financial counseling programs to members and their families
- ★ Increase enjoyable free or low cost activities for single members
- ★ Provide a highly popular couple’s communication class
- ★ Provide a “family day” allowing members to spend more time with their families

“The 2003 Community Assessment Survey provides service members and spouses a wonderful opportunity to improve the Air Force Community,” said Close. “We hope those selected will do everything they can to respond to the survey as quickly as possible.”

If you have any questions regarding the 2003 Community Assessment, please contact the CHAT Chairperson, Jennifer Spurgin, 846-1902.